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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department
MEMORANDUM NO. 30453 TRANSPORT IV/53-3 DATED THE 13TH JULY 1953.

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MOTOR VEHICLES - Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931 - Reports on the checking of licences during the quarter ending 31-3-1953.

Ref: Returns from the Collectors and the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

Under G.O. No. 3640, L.& M, dated 10-9-1932, reports regarding the checking of motor vehicle licences should reach Government within a month from the expiry of the quarter to which it relates. The returns for the quarter ending 31-3-1953 should therefore have been received in this Department on or before 30-4-1953. It is observed that the reports for the quarter ending 31-3-1953 from the Collectors of Malabar, Chingleput, Krishna, Bellary, West Godavari, Anantapur, Tanjore, South Kanara, Srikakulam East Godavari, South Arcot, and the Commissioner of Police, Madras. were not received in time but were received only in May 1953.

2. In the returns submitted by the Collectors of the Nilgiris, Madurai, Chingleput and Nellore, the total number of vehicles licensed during the quarter under report has not been indicated. The Collectors are informed that no useful purpose is served by submitting the returns without this information, as the Government are not in a position to judge whether the checking of licences has been done effectively or not.

3. It is observed from the returns submitted by the Collectors of Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli, Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Bellary, Tanjore and East Godavari that the 'General Surprise Checks' were not held in the second week of the quarter under report with reference to G.O.No.3309, Home, dated 9-11-1944. In the case of most of these districts, it is stated that the general surprise check for the quarter ending 31-3-1953 was held on various dates in April 1953, which is obviously wrong.

4. There is a distinction between 'General surprise checks' and 'Local Surprise Checks'. The latter are to be carried out frequently in different parts of the district as part of the ordinary work of the local police. But General Surprise Checks should be conducted on a pre-arranged plan, over the whole district or as as large an area as practicable on a particular date or dates. It is observed from the return submitted by the Commissioner of Police, Madras in Madras City local surprise checks were not conducted at all during the quarter under report. The Collector of Chittoor has not given the dates on which local surprise checks were held.

5. It is observed from the returns submitted by the Collectors of Guntur and Cuddapah that the number of vehicles found without licences are not given separately under routine checks, general surprise checks and local surprise checks. The Collector of Cuddapah has not also furnished the number of prosecutions launched separately under routine checks, general surprise checks and local surprise checks.

6. In the districts of Salem, Tirunelveli, Visakhapatnam Krishna, Anantapur and South Arcot it is found that the total number of vehicles checked during the routine checks, the general surprise checks and local surprise checks are low when compared with the total number of vehicles licensed during the quarter under report.

7. It is not clear how in the East Godavari district prosecutions were launched in 110 cases, when only 16 vehicles were found without licences during the routine checks.

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8. Though the return submitted by the Collector of Tirunelveli in his Perl.193/53 dated 22-4-1953 relates to the quarter ending 31-3-1953, the heading at the commencement of the report reads as follows:-

"Motor Vehicles General Surprise checks - Taxation for quarter ending 30-6-1953". The date 30-6-1953 is obviously a mistake for 31-3-1953.

9. All Collectors and the Commissioner of Police, Madras are requested to ensure that the defects of the kind mentioned above do not recur.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

To All Collectors.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

Forwarded/By Order.

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